

---

By: **Charles County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2004

Assigned to: Economic Matters

---

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages - License Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain alcoholic beverages license fees in Charles  
4 County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Charles County.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

6 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

7 Section 3-401(a)(1), 5-202(b)(1), 5-401(a)(1), 6-101(a)(1), 6-201(a)(1), (j)(1), (3),

8 and (4)(i), and 6-301(a)(1) and (j)(1)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

12 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

13 Section 3-401(j), 5-202(f), 5-401(j), 6-101(j)(1), 6-201(j)(2) and (4)(iii),

14 6-301(j)(2), and 6-401(j)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

20 3-401.

21 (a) (1) A Class D beer license shall be issued by the license issuing authority  
22 of the county in which the place of business is located. The holder of the license may  
23 keep for sale and sell beer at retail at the place described in the license. The beer may  
24 be consumed on the premises or elsewhere, but a license may not be issued for any  
25 drugstore.

26 (j) In Charles County the annual license fee is [~~\$150~~] \$180.

1 5-202.

2 (b) (1) A Class H beer and light wine license shall be issued by the license  
3 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The license  
4 authorizes the holder to keep for sale and sell beer and light wines at retail at any  
5 hotel or restaurant, at the place described in the license, for consumption on the  
6 premises.

7 (f) In Charles County the annual license fee is [~~\$200~~] \$240.

8 5-401.

9 (a) (1) A Class D beer and light wine license shall be issued by the license  
10 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The license  
11 authorizes its holder to keep for sale and to sell beer and light wines at retail, at the  
12 place described in the license, for consumption on the premises or elsewhere. The  
13 license may not be issued for any drugstore.

14 (j) In Charles County the annual license fee is [~~\$200~~] \$240.

15 6-101.

16 (a) (1) A Class A beer, wine and liquor license shall be issued by the license  
17 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The license  
18 authorizes the holder to keep for sale and to sell all alcoholic beverages at retail, in  
19 any quantity, at the place described in the license. The licensee shall deliver the  
20 alcoholic beverages in a sealed package or container and the package or container  
21 may not be opened nor its contents consumed on the premises where sold.

22 (j) (1) In Charles County the annual license fee is [~~\$400~~] \$480.

23 6-201.

24 (a) (1) A Class B beer, wine and liquor license shall be issued by the license  
25 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located, and the  
26 license authorizes its holder to keep for sale and sell all alcoholic beverages at retail  
27 at any hotel or restaurant at the place described, for consumption on the premises or  
28 elsewhere, or as provided in this section.

29 (j) (1) This subsection applies only in Charles County.

30 (2) The annual license fee is [~~\$300~~] \$360.

31 (3) This license shall provide for the consumption of beer, wine and  
32 liquor on the premises only.

33 (4) (i) There is in addition to the classes provided for, a special Class B  
34 license known as a Class BLX, which is issued only to luxury-type restaurants.

35 (iii) The license fee is [~~\$2,000~~] \$2,400.

1 6-301.

2 (a) (1) A Class C beer, wine and liquor license shall be issued by the license  
3 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. It authorizes  
4 the holder to keep for sale and sell all alcoholic beverages at retail at any club, at the  
5 place described in the license, for consumption on the premises only.

6 (j) (1) This subsection applies only in Charles County.

7 (2) The annual license fee is [~~\$250~~] \$300.

8 6-401.

9 (j) (1) This subsection applies only in Charles County.

10 (2) The annual license fee:

11 (i) For on- and off-sale of all alcoholic beverages is [~~\$950~~] \$1,140;  
12 and

13 (ii) For off-sale for liquor and on- or off-sale for beer and wine is  
14 [~~\$600~~] \$720.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
16 effect June 1, 2004.